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(C) Following up on ref b demarche, Deputy Political Counselor obtained from MFA Human Rights Desk more specificity regarding Romania's position on Belarus's anti-U.S. counter-resolution (refs a, c and d). Human Rights Desk officer Elisabeta David confirmed on November 16 that Romania would vote against the Belarus counter-resolution, and would seek to co-sponsor the country-specific resolutions raised in the original U.S. demarche. Deputy Political Counselor thanked Romania for its position on the Belarus counter-resolution and also for supporting the U.S. in voting against the anti-Israeli resolution at the Human Rights Council's Third Special Session (ref d). David underscored the importance of creating "better balance" within the UN framework, and regretted the HRC outcome as a "discredit" to the international process. TAPLIN